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SECRETARIE-'DISCUSSIONS, JUNE 20-26, 1978,
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1. AS PER REFTEL A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE MARTINEAU/
METALNIKOV DISCUSSIONS DURING JUNE 20-26, 1978 FOLLOWS:
2. CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND SOVIET EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIES FOR THE WORLD OCEAN BILATERAL WERE
HIGHLIGHTED BY A REVIEW OF STEPS TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE
SHOULD THE AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED FURTHER (BEYOND
DECEMBER 1978), AND THE FORMULATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANS
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FOR A POSSIBLE OCTOBER SESSION OF JOINT COMMITTEE,
INCLUDING A TRIP TO MOSCOW BY THE US EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
IN LATE SEPTEMBER. METALNIKOV AND KURASOV ALSO MET
BRIEFLY WITH MR. FRANK, THE US CHAIRMAN; AMBASSADOR
NEGROPONTE, STATE - OES/OFA; MR. WILKINSOD, STATE -
EUR/SOV; MR. BLUMBERG, STATE-LOS; AND MR. WULF,
NSF-LOS. THESE MEETINGS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS PROVIDED

AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM METALNIKOV OF U.S. SIDE
CONCERN ABOUT (A) BALANCE OF BENEFITS AND RECIPROCITY

WITHIN THE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AND (B) INCONSISTENCY
BETWEEN THE INTENT OF THE BILATERAL AND THE SOVIET
POSITION ON THE LOS-MSR ISSUE.

3. DURING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SESSIONS
JUNE 21-26, THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED WAYS OF IMPROVING
PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING REVISION OF THE REGULATIONS
FOR IMPLEMENTATION; SIMPLIFYING THE ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE, LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND PROVIDING
BETTER DEFINITION FOR EXISTING AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES.
THE QUESTION OF ACCESS WAS RAISED BY MARTINEAU.
METALNIKOV INDICATED THAT THE ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES
FOR ESTONIA AND UKRAINIA AND THE SIBERIAN AND FAR
EASTERN BRANCHES OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WOULD
BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE JOINT PROJECTS IN THE
FUTURE. THE REMAINDER OF THE DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON
CONTINGENCY PLANNING OF DOCUMENTATION FOR A MID-FALL
SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. NEITHER SIDE AGREED
TO TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS. A LIST OF DOCUMENTS WAS AGREED
UPON AS WELL AS RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIME SCHEDULES
FOR THEIR PREPARATION. OTHER FOURTH SESSION LOGISTICS
SUCH AS ITINERARIES AND SCHEDULES WERE OUTLINED. A
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES WILL BE NEEDED IN
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LATE SEPTEMBER BEFORE AN OCTOBER JCM.

5. IN GENERAL, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES' DISCUSSIONS
WERE USEFUL. A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON
THE NEED TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN IMPLEMENTING
COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE BILATERAL SHOULD
RENEWAL BEYOND DECEMBER 1978 TAKE PLACE. WITH REGARD
TO LOS-MSR ISSUE, METALNIKOV AND KURASOV WERE WILLING
TO LISTEN TO U.S. OFFICIALS, BUT AS INDICATED IN
REFTEL, WERE "UNAUTHORIZED" TO MAKE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.

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